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SUBJ : LAGOS PORT STRIKE

REF : LAGOS 4441

1. IT NOT YET CLEAR WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, LAGOS PORT STRIKE (REFTEL) WILL HAVE ON SHIPMENTS OF USAID RELIEF GRAIN TO NORTH.

2. FORTUITIOUSLY, STRIKE HIT AT A MOMENT WHEN THERE WAS NO USAID GRAIN WAITING TO BE OFFLOADED AT APAPA, SO THERE HAS BEEN NO IMMEDIATE EFFECT. HOWEVER, OFFLOADING OF NEXT SHIPMENTS--FROM SANTA NAJA (3,5000 MT FOR NIGER) AND NOPAL LUNA (1,500 MT FOR NIGER)-- COULD BE DELAYED IF STRIKE NOT ENDED SOON. BOTH SHIPMENTS, CONSISTING OF BAGGED GRAIN AND THUS TO BE OFFLOADED BY TRANSCAP AT WHARVES AFFECTED BY STRIKE, ARE DUE ON OR ABOUT MAY 26.

3. DIFFICULT TO PREDICT AT THIS POINT HOW LONG STRIKE WILL LAST. ALTHOUGH TWO SMALL COMPANY-ORGANIZED UNIONS
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HAVE DISSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM STRIKE AND ARE REPORTEDLY

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BACK AT WORK, FMG FACES DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH STRIKERS
WHO CONSTITUTE VAST MAJORITY OF WORKERS), AND PROSPECT
OF PROLONGED WORK STOPPAGES, POSSIBLY SPREADING
TO PORT HARCOURT, CANNOT BE RULED OUT (REFTEL). LOCAL REP
TRANSCAP UNWILLING MAKE PREDICTIONS IN THIS REGARD.

4. AS REGARDS SHIPMENT OF ALL DONOR-SUPPLIED GRAIN AS WHOLE,
TREVOR PAGE OF OSRO HAS CONSULTED MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT,
WITHOUT SUCCESS, IN EFFORT DETERMINE LIKELIHOOD OF EARLY END
TO STRIKE. IN MEANTIME, HE HAS DECIDED AGAINST DIVERTING
SHIPMENTS TO PORT HARCOURT, IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY STRIKE WILL
SPREAD THERE AS WELL.

5. REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO INFO ADDRESSEES.
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